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As discussed in Examiner interview of February 25, 2004, enclosed is a
declaration by Inventor Sang Jeong to be made of record in the above-identified application.

INTERVIEW SUMMARIES

(1) On November 21, 2003, Applicants' undersigned attorney discussed the status
of the subject application with the Examiner. After discussion, agreement was reached that the
rejections of record were overcome. Specifically, the prior art of record (Linn et al., USP
6436,646) does not specifically teach the use of a positive or neutral label. Instead, the
reference merely teaches that various dyes can be used—any of which can have essentially any